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To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system to manage supply chains for medical facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MANN (for himself, Mr. BOST, Mr. ROSENDALE, and Mr. BERGMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VA Supply Chain Man-
5 agement System Authorization Act”.

1 SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLY CHAINS FOR MEDICAL
2 FACILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
3 AFFAIRS.

4 (a) AUTHORITY.—

11 (B) the system does not require the use of
12 a specific contract to procure supplies.

18 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure
19 that a covered information technology system meets the
20 following requirements:

21 (1) The system shall be cloud-based.

22 (2) With respect to the items covered by the
23 system—

24 (A) the system shall include—

25 (i) medical supplies;

(ii) surgical equipment and supplies:

(iii) laboratory equipment and supplies;

5 (v) biomedical equipment;

(vi) textiles and apparel;

7 (vii) dental equipment and supplies;

8 and

(viii) equipment and supplies relating to the treatment of sleep apnea;

(B) the system may include (but, if not so included in the system itself, the system shall include through an interface with an external information technology system)—

(ii) prosthetic appliances not requiring extensive customization or fitting;

(iii) pharmaceuticals;

(iv) reusable medical equipment; and

(v) eyeglasses; and

22 (C) the system may not

23 (j) high-tech medical equipment

(ii) surgical implants:

25 (iii) information techn

(iv) equipment and supplies of the National Cemetery Administration that are not used by the Veterans Health Administration; and

(v) equipment and supplies of the Veterans Benefits Administration that are not used by the Veterans Health Administration.

(3) The system shall include functions relating

10 to—

(A) inventory management of both expendable and nonexpendable items covered by the system, with respect to both—

(i) physical inventory; and

(ii) perpetual inventory;

(i) intake;

(ii) returns; and

(iii) the identification of such items
are recalled;

that are recalled;

(C) management of the storage of such items, with respect to—

(i) local storage; and

(ii) centralized storage at a medical facility or warehousing at a different location for one or more medical facilities;

(E) the generation and scanning of barcodes or the use of radio frequency identification technology or other similar inventory tracking technology; and

10 (F) reporting, consisting of—

11 (i) standard or preexisting reports;
12 and

13 (ii) customizable or custom-generated
14 reports.

19 (A) capital asset management;

20 (B) ordering of items covered by the sys-
21 tem;

22 (C) maintenance of a catalog of available
23 supplies; and

(D) lifecycle tracking from acquisition of such items through the disposal of such items.

1 (5) The system shall have existing interfaces
2 with or the capability to interface with—

3 (A) the Integrated Financial and Acquisi-
4 tion Management System of the Department of
5 Veterans Affairs; and

6 (B) the electronic health record systems of
7 the Department, including—

8 (i) the Veterans Health Information
9 Systems and Technology Architecture and
10 Computerized Patient Record System; and

11 (ii) the electronic health record system
12 established under the Electronic Health
13 Record Modernization Program (as defined
14 in section 503 of Veterans Benefits and
15 Transition Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–
16 407; 38 U.S.C. 5701 note prec.)).

17 (6) The system shall have the capacity to ac-
18 commodate not fewer than 50,000 users.

19 (7) The system shall include any other func-
20 tions, capabilities, or components as determined by
21 the Secretary.

22 (c) COMPLETION OF IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
23 retary shall complete the implementation of a covered in-
24 formation technology system by not later than three years
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (d) COVERED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM
2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered information
3 technology system” means an information technology sys-
4 tem, or a system of systems, for the management of supply
5 chains, including with respect to inventory and other func-
6 tions.

